

AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claims 1-35 unchanged, new claims 36-40
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36. A method of enhancing the bioavailability of a beneficial organic substance on administration to a subject comprising, impregnating a porous semiconductor with said beneficial organic substance and delivering the impregnated material to the subject.
37. A method according to claim 36, wherein the semiconductor is silicon.
38. A method according to claim 37, wherein the porous silicon has a porosity of from 40% to 90%.
39. A method according to any of claims 36 to 38, wherein the beneficial organic substance has a solubility in aqueous media of no more than 10 mg/ml at a pH in the range 1-7.
40. Use of a material comprising a porous semiconductor impregnated with a beneficial organic substance to deliver said beneficial organic substance to a subject in order to enhance the bioavailability of the beneficial organic substance on administration to the subject.